

LESSON 14

Cain and Abel

Day 1

Check in with Uncle Peter, Jon and Carol

Did Jon and Carol want to make their mother happy?

What did their mother ask Jon and Carol to do?

Would seeing the flowers planted make their mother happy?

Did Jon and Carol believe and obey their mother?

Was Jon sorry for not obeying?



Day 2

Read together Proverbs 14:2

Spend some time today memorizing this week's verse.

Have you ever made a choice based on what you FELT was right to you even though you were asked by an adult to do something else? What was the consequence? God gives us parents and teachers to guide us and teach us. God also gives us the Bible to guide us and teach us with HIS own words. We can trust HIS words and obey them. Making choices that disagree with God is sin. We should think carefully about choices before we make them, and pray that God would speak clearly to us so that we can make choices that honor God.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.
Proverbs 14:2

Day 3

Read together Genesis 4:3-9

There are a few things we need to remember when we read these verses.

First: Cain and Abel were born after Adam and Eve sinned. They were sinful like their parents, and could not come into the presence of God with their sin. God made a way for them to be acceptable to Him. Second: Only God could decide what that way would be. Third: the sacrifice that must be made was not because God did not love animals, but because He loved people more. Abel chose to believe God, that there was a way to come into His presence, and Abel followed directions. Cain tried to come to God his own way, not following God's directions. Even when God tried to warn Cain about his attitude, he did not repent. He was so upset with God that he took his anger out on his brother and tried to avoid telling God. He was like his father, Adam. God wants us to be like His son, Jesus, and not like Adam.

When you pray today, ask God to show you when you act like Cain, and help you be more like Jesus.



Day 4

Read together Genesis 4:25

Remember the promise God made to Eve? He promised to bless all of the people of the earth with one who would come from her. He promised to send one who would deliver all people from sin. This promise could not come from one with the attitude of Cain. Cain's attitude was, and continued to be, one of selfishness. Thinking only of worldly things. Notice what Eve said when God gave her another son. "God has appointed another seed for me." As badly as we can mess up (and Adam, Eve and Cain really messed up badly) none of our mistakes can cancel out God's promises. Even though Seth was born outside of the garden and into a sinful world, Seth believed God like his brother Abel.



Think it through and thank God for it.

Jeopardy Questions

1. **Why did God accept Abel and his offering?** (Abel believed and obeyed God. He brought the kind of offering God had told them to bring.)
2. **Why did God reject Cain and his offering?** (Cain did not believe and obey God. He did not bring the kind of offering God had told him to bring.)
3. **What did Cain do when God did not accept his offering?** (He was angry and he killed his brother Abel.)
4. **How did God know what Cain had done?** (God sees and knows everything.)
5. **Why did God give Seth to Adam and Eve?** (God gave Seth to replace Abel. God gave Seth so that the deliverer could be born through his family tree.)



Story:

Uncle Peter: "Hi, Carol. Hi, Jon. You kids look pretty happy. What's up?"

Carol: "We have a surprise for Mother! She's going to be so happy!"

Uncle Peter: "You watered the garden?"

Jon: "No, we did something better than that! We cleaned up the yard."

Carol: "Remember the flowers she had sitting on the porch? Well, we planted them around the house. Don't they look great? Mother is really going to be surprised. I can hardly wait to see her face."

Uncle Peter: "Kids, I came over to see you because before she left your mother asked me to make sure you watered the garden."

Jon: "Oh, we know she told us to do that, but the plants were not wilting yet, and we saw the messy yard and decided to clean up."

Carol: "And I thought she would be surprised to see these flowers planted. She loves pretty things."

Uncle Peter: "Kids, I really hate to spoil your fun, but don't you think you should have watered the garden first like your mother asked you to do?"

Carol: "Well, like Jon said, the plants seemed fine, so we did something we thought she would like better. Also it was more fun."

Uncle Peter: "I can tell you have had a good time, and I don't think you realized what you were doing, but you have actually disobeyed your mother. It is as though you don't actually believe she meant what she said."

Jon: "But we did something really good!"

Uncle Peter: "Jon, Carol, this is a very serious situation. Who gives the instructions in your home?"

Carol: "Father and Mother"

Uncle Peter: "Did you listen to your mother and believe her when she told you what she wanted you to do?"

Carol: "No, but we helped her in another way by cleaning the yard and planting her flowers."

Uncle Peter: "I am sorry to say, you have not only disobeyed her, but you have done something that you should not have done. Your mother told me that those flowers were to be planted in your grandma's yard, not your mother's."

Jon: "You mean we wasted all that time planting them?"

Carol: "Oh, Jon, we did a bad thing! I am so sorry!"

Uncle Peter: "Kids, believing and obeying are extremely important. You go over and water the garden while I dig up these flowers. Then I want you to see something in the Bible. It is the story of two brothers, Cain and Abel."

